

**Application for Multi-Court Exemption from the
Judicial Conference's Electronic Public Access (EPA) Fees**

1.) I am requesting an exemption from fees for public access to electronic case records for the courts selected below:

Courts of Appeal

- All Courts of Appeal
- First Circuit
- Second Circuit
- Third Circuit
- Fourth Circuit
- Fifth Circuit
- Sixth Circuit
- Seventh Circuit
- Eighth Circuit
- Ninth Circuit
- Tenth Circuit
- Eleventh Circuit
- D.C. Circuit
- Federal Circuit

Bankruptcy Appellate Panels (BAP)

- First Circuit - BAP
- Sixth Circuit - BAP
- Eighth Circuit - BAP
- Ninth Circuit - BAP
- Tenth Circuit - BAP

District Courts

- All District Courts
- Alabama Middle
- Alabama Northern
- Alabama Southern
- Alaska
- Arizona
- Arkansas Eastern
- Arkansas Western
- California Central
- California Eastern
- California Northern
- California Southern
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- District of Columbia
- Florida Middle
- Florida Northern
- Florida Southern
- Georgia Northern
- Georgia Middle
- Georgia Southern
- Guam
- Hawaii
- Idaho
- Illinois Northern
- Illinois Central
- Illinois Southern
- Indiana Northern
- Indiana Southern
- Iowa Northern
- Iowa Southern
- Kansas
- Kentucky Eastern
- Kentucky Western
- Louisiana Eastern
- Louisiana Middle
- Louisiana Western
- Maine
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- Michigan Eastern
- Michigan Western
- Minnesota
- Mississippi Northern
- Mississippi Southern
- Missouri Eastern
- Missouri Western
- Montana
- Nebraska
- Nevada
- New Hampshire
- New Jersey
- New Mexico
- New York Eastern
- New York Northern
- New York Southern
- New York Western
- North Carolina Eastern
- North Carolina Middle
- North Carolina Western
- North Dakota
- Northern Mariana Islands
- Ohio Northern
- Ohio Southern
- Oklahoma Eastern
- Oklahoma Northern
- Oklahoma Western
- Oregon
- Pennsylvania Eastern
- Pennsylvania Middle
- Pennsylvania Western
- Puerto Rico
- Rhode Island
- South Carolina
- South Dakota
- Tennessee Eastern
- Tennessee Middle
- Tennessee Western
- Texas Eastern
- Texas Northern
- Texas Southern
- Texas Western
- Utah
- Vermont
- Virgin Islands
- Virginia Eastern
- Virginia Western
- Washington Eastern
- Washington Western
- West Virginia Northern
- West Virginia Southern
- Wisconsin Eastern
- Wisconsin Western
- Wyoming

Bankruptcy Courts

<input type="checkbox"/> All Bankruptcy Courts	<input type="checkbox"/> Alabama Middle	<input type="checkbox"/> Illinois Northern	<input type="checkbox"/> Nebraska	<input type="checkbox"/> Rhode Island
<input type="checkbox"/> Alabama Northern	<input type="checkbox"/> Illinois Central	<input type="checkbox"/> Nevada	<input type="checkbox"/> South Carolina	<input type="checkbox"/> South Dakota
<input type="checkbox"/> Alabama Southern	<input type="checkbox"/> Illinois Southern	<input type="checkbox"/> New Hampshire	<input type="checkbox"/> Tennessee Eastern	<input type="checkbox"/> Tennessee Middle
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<input type="checkbox"/> Colorado	<input type="checkbox"/> Louisiana Middle	<input type="checkbox"/> North Carolina Western	<input type="checkbox"/> Wyoming	
<input type="checkbox"/> Connecticut	<input type="checkbox"/> Louisiana Western	<input type="checkbox"/> North Dakota		
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<input type="checkbox"/> District of Columbia	<input type="checkbox"/> Maryland	<input type="checkbox"/> Ohio Northern		
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<input type="checkbox"/> Guam	<input type="checkbox"/> Missouri Eastern	<input type="checkbox"/> Pennsylvania Middle		
<input type="checkbox"/> Hawaii	<input type="checkbox"/> Missouri Western	<input type="checkbox"/> Pennsylvania Western		
<input type="checkbox"/> Idaho	<input type="checkbox"/> Montana	<input type="checkbox"/> Puerto Rico		

National Courts

Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation U.S. Court of Federal Claims U.S. Court of International Trade

2.) I am an individual associated with Widener University Commonwealth School of Law

3.) Please summarize why the case information from the Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) service is needed and how it will be used. Also, please explain why an exemption from the courts identified is necessary. If you need more space, please provide in an attachment.

The law library will be helping a professor with her immigration case research for a forthcoming scholarly article she is working on. The nature of her research involves tracking the number of immigration cases filed in the U.S. District Courts that have specific Nature of Suit (NOS) codes and specific Cause of Action identifiers to better understand the success and failure rates of these particular types of immigration cases, and also see if trends can be identified on how the Courts decide whether to hear these types of cases during different time periods. With a significant reduction in the law library budget this current year, an exemption from PACER fees for this purpose would help the library fulfill its mission of supporting the faculty in their scholarly works.

4.) In support of this application, I affirm the following:

- a) An exemption from the Judicial Conference's EPA Fee is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information.
- b) That the exemption will be for a definitive period of time: August 1, 2020 - July 31, 2021
- c) I understand that this fee exemption will apply only to me, will be valid only for the purposes stated above, and will apply only to the electronic case files of the court(s) indicated above that are available through the PACER service.
- d) I agree that any data received through this exemption will not be sold for profit, will not be transferred, will not be used for commercial purposes, and will not be redistributed via the Internet.

Declaration: I declare that all the above information is true and understand that a false statement

- may result in termination of my exempt access and an assessment of Electronic Public Access usage fees. (The box must be marked or your request will not be considered)

Brent Johnson

Applicant's Printed Name

Co-Director, Law Library

Applicant's Title

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July 29, 2020

Date

Please submit your completed, signed request via email to Multi-CourtExemptions@ao.uscourts.gov or by mail to:

Attention: Multi-Court Exemptions
Court Programs Division
DPS-CSO-PRGD
One Columbus Circle, N.E.
Washington, DC 20544

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